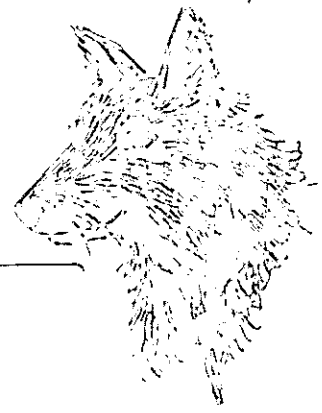




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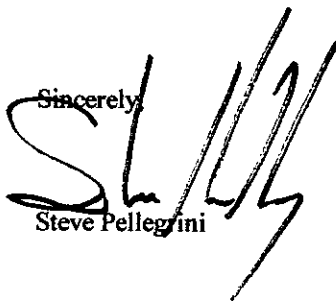
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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to go on record as being opposed to the establishment of a nuclear waste repository in Nevada. As a lifelong resident and fourth generation Nevadan, I see this proposal as short sighted and callous. The fact we are a desert state does not warrant disregard for our environment. Attitudes of early emigrants who found the Great Basin Desert a harsh wasteland they had to endure, oftentimes still persist despite a century of growing awareness that deserts are fragile and diverse ecosystems rich in natural treasures. I find the attitude of the Nuclear Power Industry and officials in our Department of Energy that Nevadans should roll over and play dead while they use our desert for this purpose to be most offensive.

Twenty years ago we were told it was inevitable Nevada would wind up with the nuclear waste repository. Traditions of nuclear weapons testing at Yucca Flat when Nevada became the site of test after test, gave the illusion people of this state would not object to this new, diabolical plan. Now, twenty years later, our resolve has not faltered. Nevadan's are as determined as ever to prevent the repository from being placed in their state. I want to add my voice, as a Nevadan, as being opposed to this plan. Shipping these horribly toxic materials across our land, through quiet communities where we raise and care for our children, and particularly in a day when terrorists have demonstrated their capacity to strike at will, is simply not acceptable.

Sincerely,



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